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SUBJECT: ERDA/FMRT FAST BREEDER AGREEMENT

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- 1. CONCERNING FORMULATION TO BE USED INAGREEMENT ARTICLE ON PATENTS, PHRASES QUOTE INVENTION AND DISCOVERY UNQUOTE AND QUOTE MADE OR CONCEIVED UNQUOTE COME DIRECTLY FROM SECTION 152 OF US ATOMIC ENERGY ACT AND FOR THIS REASON SHOULD NOT BE DELETED.
- 2. FMRT CONCERN WITH WORD QUOTE DISCOVERY UNQUOTE MAY BE BASED ON FACT THAT UNDER MOST PATENT SYSTEMS A SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OR BASIC LAW OF NATURE IS NOT PATENTABLE. HOWEVER, USE OF WORD QUOTE DISCOVERY UNQUOTE IN CONTEXT OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONSTRUED AS APPLYING MORE NARROWLY THAN THE BROAD CONCEPT OF A SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY FOR WHICH PATENTS CANNOT BE OBTAINED.

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3. IN US LAW, WORD QUOTE CONCEIVED UNQUOTE IS MEANT TO

COVER THE MENTAL CONCEPTION OF AN INVENTION, WHILE WORD QUOTE MADE UNQUOTE IS MORE GENERIC AND INCLUDES CONCEPT OF ACTUAL REDUCTION TO PRACTICE. ACCORDINGLY, BOTH TERMS ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO DEFINE A MENTAL CONCEPTION AS WELL AS A PHYSICAL REDUCTION TO PRACTICE. IN ADDITION, BOTH TERMS ARE REQUIRED BY OUR STATUTE.

- 4. CONCERNING EUROPEAN PATENT PROBLEM, FMRT'S PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO PATENTS ARTICLE, PARA 1, SUBPARA A, WOULD GIVE FRG RIGHT TO CLAIM FOR ITSELF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PATENTS. THIS WOULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION OF RIGHTS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IN THIS AGREEMENT. THE LANGUAGE WOULD PROVIDE THAT FRG WOULD OWN RIGHTS IN ALL COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES RATHER THAN ONLY IN THE FRG. THIS WOULD REPRESENT A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION FROM ALL ERDA INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- 5. FURTHER, PARA 1 (D) OF PATENTS ARTICLE WAS INSERTED IN THIS AGREEMENT, ANWELL AS IN PREVIOUS FRG AGREEMENTS, T TO RECOGNIZE THAT AFTER THE EUROPEAN PATENT CONVENTIONS COME INTO FORCE, SOME MODIFICATION OF THE PATENTS ARTICLE MAY BE NECESSARY. HOWEVER, PARA 1(D) STATES THAT QUOTE EQUIVALENT UNQUOTE RIGHTS SHOULD BE RETAINED AS PRESENTLY SET FORTH IN PARAS 1 (A) AND 1(B) UNDER THE PATENTS ARTICLE.
- 6. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN FRG ACQUIESCENCE IN ERDA POSITION STATED ABOVE, IN VIEW OF FMRT APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO DO SO AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 OF BONN 19601. LATEST ERDA DRAFT OF AGREEMENT BEING POUCHED.
- 7. REGRET UNABLE TO LOCATE ENGLISH AND GERMAN LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF DRAFT AGREEMENT DESCRIBED PARA 6, BONN 18466. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO AIR POUCH DUPLICATE COPIES ASAP. ADDRESS TO S. M. GRIFFITH, USERDA:IS:OIPI:BMA, 7TH FLOOR, 20 MASSACSHUSETTS AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545. KISSINGER

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